

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 13, 17-20, 23-24, 41-42 and 44-51 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's time and effort taken during a interview on May 13, 2011 during which proposed amendments to the claims were discussed. Based on this discussion, Applicants have amended the claims as shown above, and believe that various objections and rejections to the claims have been overcome as discussed below.

Furthermore, at the conclusion of the May 13, 2011 interview, Applicants requested time to consider the Examiner's position set forth in the interview, and possibly follow up with further claim amendments. The Examiner indicated that he would grant such an interview. However, as the amendments to the claims raise new issues requiring further consideration and search, Applicants realized that an RCE would be necessary to enter these claim amendments, and that the Examiner would not be in a position to consider these claim amendments for some time. As such, instead of conducting the interview prior to filing the RCE, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner grant Applicants an interview when the Examiner resumes examination of the application after the filing of the RCE. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to schedule the follow up interview at his earliest convenience.

Claim 44 stands objected to for a typographical error. Applicants have amended claim 44 to correct this error.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 13, 17, 19, 20, 42, 47 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sako in view of Ha. Applicants respectfully traverse this art grounds of rejection.

As recognized by the Examiner in the response to arguments section of the March 16, 2011 Office Action, Sako only discloses read-only discs. Therefore, Sako does not identify a type of media from a set that includes read-only, recordable and rewritable as recited in the independent claims. Ha does not overcome the disclosures suggestion deficiencies of Sako, nor does the Examiner rely upon Ha as doing so. Accordingly, the combination of Sako in view of Ha does not render the independent claims obvious to one skilled in the art. The remaining rejected claims depend upon the independent claims, and are patentable at least for the reasons stated above with respect to the independent claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this art grounds of rejection.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sako in view of Ha and further in view of Kuroda. Claims 11, 18, 23, 24, 41, 44-46 and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sako in view of Ha and further in view of Applicant's admitted prior art. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Neither Kuroda nor Applicant's admitted prior art overcome the disclosure and suggestion deficiencies of Sako in view of Ha as discussed above. As such, the independent claims are patentable over Sako in view of Ha and Kuroda or Applicant's admitted prior art. The rejected dependent claims are patentable at least for the reasons stated above with respect to the independent claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw these art grounds of rejection.

Claims 49 and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sako in view of Horimai in view of Ha. Applicants respectfully traverse this art grounds of rejection.

Independent claim 49 includes the same distinguishing limitations discussed above with respect to Sako in view of Ha. Horimai does not overcome these disclosure and suggestion deficiencies, nor does the Examiner rely upon Horimai to do so. As such, Sako in view of Horimai and Ha does not render claim 49 obvious to one skilled in the art. Furthermore, Applicants maintain their patentability position regarding claim 49 as set forth in the previously filed response.

Claim 50, dependent upon claim 49, is patentable at least for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 49.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this art grounds of rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

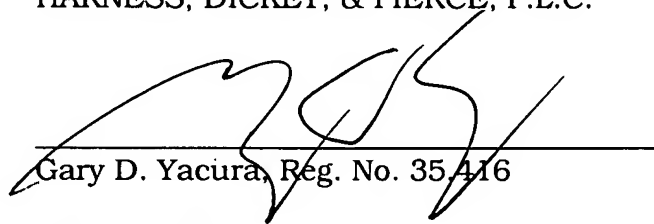
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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